THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A representation dated 22.4.2000 from Shri K.E. Ismail, Minister for Revenue, Kerala demanding provision of a new triangular railway station at Shoranur for facilitating stoppage of all trains from all directions was received. Railway considers that the present junction arrangements at Shoranur station are adequate to meet the existing passenger traffic to and from various directions. However, consequent to Shoranur-Calicut doubling project, two additonal platforms of 26 coach capacity each are being planned. No need is felt for provsion of a new triangular railway station at Shoranur.

Railway Zone at Hubli

756. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a new Railway Zone at Hubli in Karnataka; and

(b) if not, whether, in view of the Karnataka High Court's Judgement quashing Government Order shifting the South West Railway Zone from Bangalore to Hubli, Government would sanction a new Railway Zone to Hubli?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Government decided to re-locate the headquarters of the proposed South Western Railway from Bangalore to Hubli considering the various needs of economy and efficiency. This decision has recently been quashed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. Necessary action as per legal remedies available is being taken. However, the entire issue of re-organisation is under review.